

**REMARKS**

Applicants acknowledge receipt of a Final Office Action dated September 8, 2005. In this response Applicants have redrafted claim 14 in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled claim 13 without prejudice or disclaimer and have amended claims 15-19 so that each of these claims now depends from claim 13. Applicants submit that entry of these amendments after final rejection is proper inasmuch as the amendments reduce the number of claims, follow the PTO's recommendation to rewrite claim 14 in independent form and correct the dependency of claim 15-19 to take into account the cancellation of claim 13. Following entry of these amendments, claims 1, 4-6, 11, 12, and 14-19 are pending in the application.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks which follow.

**Allowed Claims/Allowable Subject Matter**

As an initial matter, Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the PTO's indication, on page 1 of the Office Action, that claims 1, 4-6, 11 and 12 have been allowed. Applicants also acknowledge, with appreciation, the PTO's indication, on page 3 of the Office Action, that claim 14 would be allowable if redrafted in independent form.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

On page 2 of the Final Office Action, the PTO has rejected claims 13 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,153,008 to Von Ammon et al. (hereinafter "Von Ammon") in view of U.S. Patent 6,197,111 to Ferry. In this response, Applicants have cancelled claim 13, redrafted claim 14 in independent form, and amended claims 15-19 so that each of these claims now depends from independent claim 14. Applicants submit that these amendments render moot the outstanding rejection under §103.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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